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I, Rebecca E. Unkenholz, hereby certify that on October 19, 2001 by authority vested in me by the Administrator and in accordance with 900.4(b)(1)(iii)(23 FR 4027), of the applicable rules of practice and procedure (7 CFR Part 900), as amended, I made available a press release, a copy of which is attached, to such newspapers and television and radio stations in the area subject to regulation or proposed to be regulated as reasonably will tend to bring to the attention of interested persons that USDA will hold a hearing beginning on Wednesday, Nov. 14, 2001, at the Hilton Hotel - Kansas City Airport, 8801 N.W. 112<sup>th</sup> Street, Kansas City, Mo. 64153 on proposals that would amend certain pooling and related provisions of the Central Milk Marketing order. The hearing will begin at 8:30 a.m.

Date: November 2, 2001

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## **USDA SETS HEARING TO AMEND THE CENTRAL MILK MARKETING ORDER**

WASHINGTON, Oct. 19, 2001 - Dairy farmers, milk processors and the public are invited to testify Wednesday, Nov. 14, 2001, on proposals that would amend certain pooling and related provisions of the Central milk order. The hearing will begin at 8:30 a.m. at the Hilton Hotel - Kansas City Airport, 8801 N.W. 112<sup>th</sup> Street, Kansas City, Mo. 64153; (816) 891-8900.

Handlers who supply the fluid milk needs of the Central order marketing area requested the hearing. The principal issue to be addressed at the hearing is the degree of association milk supplies should maintain with the Central fluid milk market to benefit from participation in the marketwide pool.

Proposals to be considered include making performance standards for participation in the pool year-round for both supply plants and producer milk, eliminating the possibility of the same milk sharing in the higher-valued returns of more than one marketwide pool, and increasing the rate of partial payments to dairy farmers. The hearing also will consider relaxing some requirements for pooling the milk of individual producers.

Details of the proposals and a notice of the hearing will be published in the Oct. 23, 2001, *Federal Register*. Copies may be obtained from the Central milk market administrator's office, USDA/AMS/Dairy Programs, 10801 Renner Blvd., Lenexa, Kansas 66219; P.O. Box 14650, Shawnee Mission, Kansas 66285-4650, <http://www.fmmacentral.com> or USDA/AMS/Dairy Programs, Rm. 2968, P.O. Box 96456, Washington, DC 20090-6456, <http://www.ams.usda.gov/dairy/>.

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